

willingly put their lives on the line for the cause of freedom. It made me proud once again to be an American and proud to represent the fine people of Ashe County who made this special time possible.

The Armed Forces Tribute was broadcast worldwide to military personnel by the military's Pentagon Channel and aired across the State of North Carolina on public television's UNC-TV. The use of technology that day in this small county in western North Carolina was phenomenal. It was a proud day in Ashe County for those who serve our Nation.

The tribute was filled with memorable moments of honoring those who serve and have served in our military. Lieutenant General Thomas F. Metz gave a stirring speech that will not soon be forgotten. North Carolina's own 82nd Airborne parachuted from the skies over Ashe County, not once but twice during the celebration.

And participants were even connected via satellite to our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Indeed, family members came from all over the United States to be able to talk electronically with their member serving in the military overseas. And once again we heard the extremely articulate men and women serving in the military describe their experiences and their positive outlook on what is happening in Iraq in particular, and all of us were extremely pleased to hear that.

Were it not for the generous spirit of patriotism and volunteerism of the people of the High Country, this event would not have been possible. I would like to thank everyone who gave their time and their money to ensure the success of the Armed Forces Tribute.

But there is someone who deserves special thanks and recognition for the passion and dedication she brings to make this tribute happen. Vicky Moody, president of the Jefferson, North Carolina, Rotary Club, once again brought the people of Ashe County together to pull off a spectacular salute to our troops and led her fellow Rotarians, who served as volunteers for this event, in the cause.

Thank you, Vicky, for your work and your love of country and our military men and women. Thank you, Jefferson Rotarians, for all of the work, effort and money that you put into making this a wonderful event.

It is always fitting to honor those who put their lives on the line for our Nation and make tremendous sacrifices for our freedom, and today is no exception. Thank you to our veterans, their families, and to the patriotic Americans like Vicky Moody and Ashe County who stand behind our active duty military as they defend the front lines of the fight for liberty. May God continue to bless you, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from New Jersey (Mr. HOLT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HOLT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO THE NEW YORK SUN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. WEINER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, we have had a great deal of discussion about New York institutions, great institutions that have been around for a very long time, frankly, succumbing to economic pressures, bad regulation, misfortune. But we are in a perilously close position in New York to losing another great New York institution, and that is the newspaper The New York Sun, which has been operating for the better part of 7 years now.

It isn't often that someone in our line of work rises to pay tribute to a periodical, particularly one that is frequently quite critical of those of us in public life, but The Sun is a unique New York institution. It is arguably the only newspaper, frankly the only outlet in New York City right now, that is truly covering civic affairs in New York, and doing a very good job of covering civic affairs here in Washington and around the world.

For the purpose of making these remarks, I just grabbed at random a copy of The Sun recently and pulled out this copy from September 8th. And I defy any of my colleagues to find a publication in their part of the world, and even the ones that are best known—The New York Times, The Boston Globe, any of them—that has coverage comparable to The New York Sun.

Right here is coverage of how Russian war games have begun in the Caribbean, with a long description of how the Monroe Doctrine is entangled; coverage by E.B. Solomont on health care, talking about the challenges facing children's health care in New York and around the country; conversation about arts and fashion. The Arts Section of The Sun provides arts coverage second to no one. They even found some time to put on the front page coverage of sports, Brett Favre's beginning of his career with the New York Jets.

Now, you might be thinking this must be a newspaper that has been particularly kind to my point of view, maybe the editorial page has been particularly kind to the values that I share. Very often, if not most of the time, I disagree with their editorial page. But it is always erudite and thorough and gives us a great deal to think about.

Not long ago, many readers were shocked to find out what, frankly, we are learning about in a lot of newspapers around the country, it has fallen onto hard times financially. Well, there are many ways that we are going to be called upon to participate in our

civic life in this election year. Obviously first and foremost among them is we are going to be asked to vote. But one of the things that all citizens in New York can do—and for those of you who have access to the Internet, you can go to nysun.com and take a look at the newspaper online—one of the things we all can do is engage in our civic debate well-armed with some facts about the issues of the day.

There is no better place to get it than The New York Sun. You know, perhaps it is "old media," but it is good, old-fashioned, substantive civic engagement with a balanced coverage and smart coverage. You are going to find things in The Sun that, frankly, the other newspapers gloss over, the other papers pay no attention to.

I recently got a lot of attention, and perhaps snickering, by referring to how "tabloidy" a lot of the broadsheet newspapers have become in New York City, and I singled out The New York Times for that treatment. Well, frankly, if all newspapers had the level of thoroughness and the level of sophistication and the level of respect that it shows to readers that The Sun does, I think that, frankly, the debate in New York City and around the country would be a lot better off.

This is volume 124, number 101. I don't know exactly what those numbers mean. But hopefully for years to come, New Yorkers, American citizens of all stripes, will be able to pick up this newspaper, and I think they will be better for it.

Now, while I have the microphone, I should say to any of their editorial page who are listening, you are wrong about 90 percent of the time, and hopefully you will get better over the course of the next 7 years. But, by all means, I am not going to stop reading, and I would encourage all of my neighbors to do the same.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY) is recognized for 5 minutes.